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1. ZAMBIAN DELEGATION TO GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE STILL NOT FIRMED UP. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES INDICATE PROBABLE COMPOSITION WILL BE: HONORABLE (MISS) LOMBE CHIBESAKUNDA, MINISTER OF STATE FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AND SOLICITOR GENERAL -- HEAD OF DELEGATION; MARCUS T. MHLANGA, FIRST SECRETARY, ZAMBIAN PERMANENT DELEGATION TO UN; CHAMA MUBANGA-CHIPOYA, INTERNATIONAL LAWYER, MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS; AND R.L. SANGA, MINISTRY OF POWER, TRANSPORT AND WORKS.

2. BIO INFORMATION ON CHIBESAKUNDA AND MHLANGA ALREADY AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT. MUBANGA-CHIBOYA IS UK-TRAINED INTERNATIONAL LAWYER WHO HAS BEEN WITH MINISTRY LEGAL AFFAIRS ONLY FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS. HE ATTENDED LOS CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN, AT WHICH BERNARD OXMAN WAS PRESENT, BUT DID NOT ATTEND CARACAS CONFERENCE. HIS EXPERTISE ON LOS MATTERS IS UNKNOWN BUT IS PROBABLY NOT VERY DEEP. SANGA IS UNKNOWN TO US AND WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE ASCERTAIN EVEN HIS POSITION IN HIS MINISTRY. MHLANGA MENTIONED TO US POSSIBILITY
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OF STILL A FIFTH MEMBER OF DELEGATION, MRS. G.N.

MUTUKWA, REPUTEDLY US-TRAINED LAWYER WHO HAS BEEN
SENIOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANT IN MINISTRY LEGAL AFFAIRS
SINCE 1971. HER ASSIGNMENT TO DELEGATION HAS NOT,
HOWEVER, BEEN CONFIRMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE.

3. ZAMBIAN LOS DELEGATES HAVE BEEN CONFERRING
INTENSIVELY OVER PAST WEEK WITH BOTH TANZANIAN
DELEGATION AND WITH VISITING SOVIET OFFICIAL OF
AMBASSADORIAL RANK WHO INDICATED THAT HE ONE OF
SEVERAL SOVIETS CURRENTLY VISITING AFRICAN AND OTHER
CAPITALS TO CONFER ON LOS MATTERS. EMBOFFS HAVE
SOUGHT, SO FAR UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO GET TOGETHER
WITH MHLANGA OR CHIBESAKUNDA TO DISCUSS LOS MATTERS.
AS THEY DEEPLY ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS
AND WILL LEAVE GENEVA NEXT TWO-THREE DAYS, WE
UNCERTAIN THAT WE WILL BE ABLE DO SO BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE.
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